

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A ~~glass substrate of a~~ liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first glass substrate and a second glass substrate coupled with the first glass substrate, at least one of the first and second glass substrates having a chemically etched outer surface; and

at least one transparent protective layer formed on the chemically etched outer surface of at least one of the first glass substrate and the second glass substrate, wherein the protective layer has a configuration which imparts a compressive stress to the outer surface of at least one of the first glass substrate and the second glass substrate to prevent cracks which may occur due to an external impact.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display device ~~glass substrate~~ according to claim 1, wherein the protective layer is an inorganic layer.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display device ~~glass substrate~~ according to claim 1, wherein the protective layer is an organic layer.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display device ~~glass substrate~~ according to claim 5, wherein the organic layer includes a thermosetting resin.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display device ~~glass substrate~~ according to claim 6, wherein the viscosity coefficient of the thermosetting resin is between approximately several cp and approximately several ten cp.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The liquid crystal display device ~~glass substrate~~ according to claim 1, wherein the protective layer includes one inorganic layer and one organic layer.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
a first glass substrate and a second glass substrate coupled with the first glass substrate, at least one of the first and second glass substrates having a chemically etched outer surface;

at least one transparent protective layer formed on the chemically etched outer surface of at least one of the first glass substrate and the second glass substrate, wherein the protective layer has a configuration which imparts a compressive stress to the outer surface of at least one of the first glass substrate and the second glass substrate to prevent cracks which may occur due to an external impact;

a transparent electrode formed on an inner surface of the first glass substrate or the second glass substrate;

an alignment layer formed on the transparent electrode; and

a liquid crystal layer between the first glass substrate and the second glass substrate.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 9, wherein the protective layer is an inorganic layer.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 9, wherein the protective layer is an organic layer.

Claim 14 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 13, wherein the organic layer includes a thermosetting resin.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein a viscosity coefficient of the thermosetting resin is between approximately several cp and approximately several ten cp.

Claim 16 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to claim 9, wherein the protective layer includes at least one inorganic layer and at least one organic layer.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a thin glass substrate of a liquid crystal display device, comprising the steps of:

providing a glass;

forming a substrate by processing the glass; and

forming a protective layer on the glass substrate.

Claims 18 and 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 17, wherein the step of forming the protective layer includes the step of irradiating the light after depositing an organic matter on the glass substrate.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 20, wherein the light is an ultraviolet or a visible ray.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 17, wherein the step of forming the protective layer includes the step of coating an inorganic matter on the glass substrate.

Claims 23-27 (Cancelled)